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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRC FOREIGN MINISTER TO ZAIRE

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1. AMPLE PRESS COVERAGE OF JUNE 3- 7 VISIT TO ZAIRE BY PRC FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA WAS LONG ON BOILERPLATE CELEBRATING EXCELLENT STATE OF PRC-ZAIRE RELATIONS, BUT WAS SINGULARLY DEVOID OF REFERENCE TO ANY NEW CHINESE ASSISTANCE TO THE MOBUTU REGIME BEYOND THE $100 MILLION CREDIT OFFERED BY THE PRC IN 1973. (BY THE END OF 1977 ZAIRE HAD ONLY MANAGED TO DRAW DOWN APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN PERCENT OF THAT CREDIT.) WHILE WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT, IF ANY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WAS PROMISED BY THE CHINESE, WE ASSUME THE SUBJECT WAS SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF DISCUSSIONS.

2. HUANG FLEW TO LUBUMBASHI JUNE 4 FOR MEETING WITH MOBUTU WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON AND SIDE TRIP TO KOLWEZI. HUANG IS QUOTED THERE

AS SAYING," I AM CERTAIN THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY THRUST DEMONSTRATED
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BY GECAMINES PERSONNEL WILL PERMIT THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE TO WIN NEW VICTORIES AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL, ESPECIALLY THE RUSSO-CUBAN COALITION."

3. MEETING FOLLOWING MORNING IN KINSHASA BETWEEN HUANG AND ZAIRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER UMBA-DI-LUTETE RESULTED, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, IN "COMPLETE IDENTITY OF VIEWS" ON ALL ISSUES

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DISCUSSED. DURING A DINNER IN HUANG'S HONOR HOSTED BY THE ZAIRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MONDAY EVENING, UMBA EVOKED THE "MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT WHICH THE CHINESE PEOPLE BRING TO ZAIRE TO SUPPORT HER IN HER

CEASELESS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ENEMIES OF PEACE IN AFRICA IN GENERAL,

AND IN ZAIRE IN PARTICULAR." UMBA WENT ON TO EXPRESS HIS DESIRE TO SEE THIS COOPERATION DEVELOP EVEN MORE. IN HIS REPLY, HUANG OBSERVED THAT SINO-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS ARE BECOMING STRONGER AND MORE DEVELOPED AND THAT HIS VISIT TO ZAIRE WOULD STIMULATE THAT TREND.

4. COMMENT: FBIS QUOTING MOSCOW AND HAVANA REPORTS THAT HUANG PROMISED CHINESE MILITARY AID TO ZAIRE, BUT THIS CLAIM HAS NOT BEEN REPEATED ELSEWHERE. WE ASSUME THAT SUBJECT OF ADDITONAL ASSISTANCE WAS DISCUSSED, AND WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THE SUBJECT IF WE ARE ABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT IF ANY NEW AID CHINESE PROMISED.
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